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☐ This action is FINAL.	
 Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matter accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O. 	s, prosecution as to the merits is closed in .G. 213
A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to rethe application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time 1.136(a).	3 month(s), or thirty days
Disposition of Claims	
☑ Claim(s) / - 25	
Of the above, claim(s)	is/are pending in the application.
☐ Claim(s)	is/are withdrawn from consideration.
Claim(s)	is/are allowed.
Claim(s)	is/are rejected.
Claims	is/are objected to.
Application Papers	are subject to restriction or election requirement.
☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-	040
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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §	119(a)-(d).
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1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-14 and 21-22 have been considered but are most in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness

rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the

manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-14 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Farnham et al. (US 4,728,706) or Boettcher et al. (US 4,940,760). Either of these references

discloses group transfer polymerization process for preparing a "living" polymer, which meets the

requirements of the instant claims. Thus the reference renders the instant claims obvious.

4. Claims 23-24 belong to Group II invention which is non-elected, and are therefore

withdrawn from consideration.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

should be directed to W. C. Cheng whose telephone number is (703) 308-2351.

W. C. Cheng

June 29, 1997

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